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## **STOP SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ON SR-86S**

**Coachella** – Caltrans will temporarily install four-way stop signs on State Route 86S at three intersections. The signs will be placed at the intersections of Avenue 50, Avenue 52 and Avenue 62 in an effort to enhance safety on this route. Additional striping and raised markers will be added at the intersections.

Installation of the signs will begin on Monday July 11 and will be complete by Friday July 15, 2005. The work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lane closures. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will assist with traffic control. Maintenance crews will complete one intersection at a time. Caltrans has expedited projects to install signals at these intersections in December 2005. After the signals are installed the stop signs will be removed.

The CHP, Riverside County Sheriff and Caltrans along with local officials are working closely with the "Expressway 86S Task Force" to continue an aggressive bilingual campaign reminding motorists to drive defensively. The East Coachella Valley is being blanketed with safe driving messages such as "Buckle Up, Fasten Your Seat Belts" and "Click it or Ticket". The task force is urging drivers to "Go When You Know" which means check for clearance and oncoming traffic in both directions before crossing SR-86S Expressway. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has also positioned speed limit trailers near these intersections.

Motorists are reminded that traffic fines will be doubled in the construction area. Lose a minute of your life or your life in one minute – **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!**

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